

CHAPTER 762

S.B. No. 708

AN ACT

relating to vaccinations and immunization provided to certain certified fire fighters and other governmental employees and their families.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Article 1269t, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Any certified fire fighter or other governmental employee who operates an ambulance or who responds to emergency medical calls, and any member of such fire fighter's or other governmental employee's immediate family, is entitled to vaccination ~~[(1) reimbursement from the employing governmental entity for the cost of any vaccination given to the certified fire fighter]~~ for a contagious disease if the certified fire fighter or other governmental employee is exposed to the contagious disease during the course of employment. *The certified fire fighter or other governmental employee is also entitled to preventative immunization for any disease for which immunization is possible and to which the fire fighter or other governmental employee may be exposed in performing official duties. The employing governmental entity may satisfy the requirements of this subsection by:*

(1) providing the vaccination or immunization authorized by this subsection without charge; or

(2) reimbursing the fire fighter or other governmental employee for any necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by the fire fighter or other governmental employee for a vaccination or immunization authorized by this subsection ~~[(2) receive such vaccination, without charge, from medical personnel designated by the employing governmental entity].~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to a vaccination or immunization that a certified fire fighter or other governmental employee or a member of the fire fighter's or other governmental employee's immediate family receives on or after that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 5, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 21, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 20, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.

CHAPTER 763

S.B. No. 737

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of badges from the state by peace officers commissioned by the director of the Parks and Wildlife Department or their survivors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0192 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0192. PURCHASE OF BADGE BY RETIRING PEACE OFFICER OR SURVIVOR. (a) A peace officer commissioned by the director who is honorably retired

from his commission by the department may purchase for an amount set by the department, not to exceed fair market value, one badge issued to the officer by the department. The purchase must be made before the second anniversary of the date of the officer's retirement.

(b) If a peace officer commissioned by the director dies while commissioned, whether or not the death occurred in the discharge of the officer's official duties as a peace officer, the following persons, in descending order of precedence, may purchase a badge issued to the officer under the same conditions imposed on a purchase by a retiring officer by Subsection (a) of this section:

- (1) the surviving spouse of the officer;
- (2) any children of the officer; or
- (3) the parents of the officer.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 13, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 25, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.

CHAPTER 764

S.B. No. 742

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of credit services organizations; providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Title 2, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 18 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 18. CREDIT SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 18.01. *DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:*

- (1) "Buyer" means an individual who is solicited to purchase or who purchases the services of a credit services organization.
- (2) "Consumer reporting agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 603(f), Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1681a(f)).
- (3) "Extension of credit" means the right to defer payment of debt or to incur debt and defer its payment offered or granted primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

Sec. 18.02. *CREDIT SERVICES ORGANIZATION. (a) A credit services organization is a person who, with respect to the extension of credit by others and in return for the payment of money or other valuable consideration, provides, or represents that the person can or will provide, any of the following services:*

- (1) improving a buyer's credit record, history, or rating;
 - (2) obtaining an extension of credit for a buyer; or
 - (3) providing advice or assistance to a buyer with regard to Subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection.
- (b) *The following are exempt from this chapter:*